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Today's Topics:

    "Foreign representatives"  
        BT  
        Ordering a Pizza  
    Why not require typing test (3 msgs)

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1993 09:55:17 -0700  
From: ftpbox!mothost!schbbs!node\_142cf.aieg.mot.com!user@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: "Foreign representatives"  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2ap91vINNrsq@emx.cc.utexas.edu>, oo7@emx.cc.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) wrote:

> alanb@sri.hp.com (Alan Bloom N1AL) correctly says:  
>  
> >>So unless you are an official representative of the gov't  
> >>of Canada, you can get a US amateur license.  
>  
> I wonder why this rule is not applied reciprocally? US hams at US  
> embassies in other countries can get local licenses, and I'm glad  
> they can - some of the rarest DX turns up that way, and the ops often  
> listen preferentially for Americans. They also tend to have access  
> to some rather nice antenna arrays...

US hams in foreign countries can get reciprocal licenses, just like we grant reciprocal licenses to other visitors (including embassy workers).

The rule quoted is for permanent residents or long time visitors who are not hams in their own country.

There is also a move afoot (read QST) to get a "worldwide" amateur license like ship and aircraft licenses. Several European countries apparently do this already, as do Canada and the US.

> Does "representatives of foreign governments" include naughty spies too?

One of the reasons amateur licensing of foreign nationals has become so much less restrictive is that satellites make ham radio a very poor choice for spys. A 100 mw radio working to a low orbit satellite is much easier to hide! As a result there really is no incentive for a spy to draw attention to himself by getting a ham license.

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Date: 28 Oct 1993 21:17:29 -0500

From: cs.utexas.edu!gerald.cc.utexas.edu!emx.cc.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net

Subject: BT

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

kevin@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com (Kevin Sanders) insults  
a whole group of hams thusly:

>>No, they just repeatedly send BT ... BT ... BT

>>I've heard people send many of these in a row when they can't think of  
>>anything to say. BT is a prosign meaning "brain torpid".

>> ;-) in case you're BT.

Help! Help! I'm being repressed!!

On behalf of BTs everywhere, we resemble that remark. I thought it was a nice touch that the last time I arrived at Heathrow Airport they had a welcoming "BT" on all the telephone booths there. They tell the proletariat that it stands for British Telecomm, but we BTs know better.

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Date: 29 Oct 1993 15:59:50 GMT  
From: nntp.ucsb.edu!mustang.mst6.lanl.gov!nntp-server.caltech.edu!  
elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!news.bbn.com!news.bbn.com!levin@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Ordering a Pizza  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2ammj0\$q6j@crchh941.bn.ca> kharker@bn.ca (Kenneth E. Harker) writes:  
As I understand it, a good summary of what the new rules say is that  
| you can make a call that profits a commercial company (like your neighborhood  
| pizza place) if the following apply:  
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| 1) The operator's actions are voluntary.  
| 2) The operator's actions are infrequent.  
| 3) The operator does not personally profit from it.

The explicit limitations are that the operator may not profit from the communication, and the operator's employer may not profit from it.

/JBL  
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Nets: levin@bbn.com | "GO TO JAIL. Go directly to jail. Do not pass  
POTS: (617)873-3463 | Go. Do not collect \$200."  
KD1ON (@KB4N.NH.USA) | -- Parker Brothers

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Date: Fri, 29 Oct 1993 09:21:13 -0700  
From: orca.es.com!cnn.sim.es.com!msanders.sim.es.com!user@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Why not require typing test  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <2aoptr\$79f@hpscit.sc.hp.com>, garhow@hpubmaa.esr.HP.COM (Garry Howard) wrote:

> Why not require something  
> like 20 WPM for a basic license, 40 WPM for Advanced, and 60 WPM for Extra.  
> Knowing how to type is just about as essential to using a keyboard as  
> knowing the code is to using a key.  
>

I too, took typing in High School (one semester) but had previously taught myself touch typing while going to 7th grade. That was one of the most

useful skills I ever got out of school. As the only boy in the typing class, all the girls hated my speed and accuracy - but phooey to them. I got my "A" and can still keep up with most of the secretaries in all the offices I ever worked in. Has come in mighty handy!! Would be nice to get my Extra via typing instead of code.

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Opinions, thoughts, &cetera are my own (when I can remember them).

"He flies the sky  
Like an Eagle in the eye  
of a hurricane that's abandoned."  
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Amateur Radio  
"Sandman"  
Utah

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ornews.intel.com!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Why not require typing test  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <fmitchCFMsCE.n2G@netcom.com> fmitch@netcom.com (Felton Mitchell) writes:

>the reason i took typing in high school was there were  
>48 girls in the class and only 2 guys...

Hey, me too! Funny how its the only high school skill that I use almost every day and the only class I still remember... All those YL's.

I'd vote to change it from Morris copy to touch type testing if we could vote. After all, you can't have solid copy unless its all written down and I can't write any faster than 20-25 wpm.

My father worked at the China relay station in Tsing-Tao right after WWII. Paper tape readers would send code from San Francisco over the ocean where the 'organic' code readers would type furiously on mills while wearing headphones with head back and eyes closed. It was all encrypted gibberish of course. Now that's real Morris copy!

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Date: 29 Oct 93 12:57:35 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!hpubmaa.esr.hp.com!garhow@hplabs.hp.com  
Subject: Why not require typing test  
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In article <fmitchCFMsCE.n2G@netcom.com>, fmitch@netcom.com (Felton Mitchell) writes:  
> well, garry, the reason i took typing in high school was there were  
> 48 girls in the class and only 2 guys...  
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Well Mitch I didn't mention that fringe benefit. Actually the first typing class I took I was the only boy. We moved about 6 weeks into the school year and at the new school two of the classes I was taking, Chemistry and Physics, were both scheduled at the same time. They were normally taken in different grades. Anyway, typing was the only other thing available. So here I was in a class full of girls and six weeks behind. They were all very helpful which worked out quite well!!

Ahhh to be young again! =8^)

Garry  
KE0SH

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Texas red chili - It can only truly be Texas red if it walks the thin line just this side of indigestibility: damning the mouth that eats it and defying the stomach to digest it, the ingredients are hardly willing to lie in the same pot together.

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<rccrw90-271093111932@node\_142cf.aieg.mot.com>,  
<1993Oct28.194214.5656@Csli.Stanford.EDU>

Subject : Re: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...

In article <1993Oct28.194214.5656@Csli.Stanford.EDU>,  
paulf@Csli.Stanford.EDU (Paul Flaherty) wrote:

> rcrw90@email.mot.com (Mike Waters) writes:  
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> >This study was actually done before the no-code license. I understand that  
> >the figures are still in the same proportion to exams taken.  
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> That may be true, but that still doesn't dismiss the 5-3 ratio between written  
> and CW exams.

I think that's what I said - 5/3 failures for a 5/3 "take" rate. Certainly  
the written test (whatever its flaws) is no gift.

As I recall there are new question pools out for review if anyone would  
care to put some work into improving the quality of the tests. I'm sure a  
note to one of the ARRL staffers would bring more info on that.

> >The experience requirement can be satisfied by working as a bartender on a  
> >cruise ship for the 360 or 720 days. You don't even need to go to sea!  
>  
> The time has to be signed for by another Master. It's unlikely that they'd  
> be willing to sign for the bartender, although your mileage may vary.

Well none of \*my\* time was obtained that way :-) I do know of several  
cases where this actually did happen though.

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Date: Sat, 30 Oct 1993 05:25:11 GMT  
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References <CFIs07.8Ax@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <VD02Bc1w165w@amanda.jpunix.com>,  
<rcrw90-271093111525@node\_142cf.aieg.mot.com>du  
Subject : Re: Homonauseated (was: GAY & QST)

In article <rcrw90-271093111525@node\_142cf.aieg.mot.com> rcrw90@email.mot.com  
(Mike Waters) writes:

>In article <VD02Bc1w165w@amanda.jpunix.com>, robert@amanda.jpunix.com  
>(Robert) wrote:

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>> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:
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>> > In article <rcrw90-261093084656@node_142cf.aieg.mot.com>
>> Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't gay sex sodomy? Ouch!
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Damn it! Would you folks please be more careful with the attribution lines? I did not state the above quotation.

Mike, "... make sure the attribution line matches the signature..."; does that sound familiar?

>Ok I will, sodomy is a particular sexual activity which can be performed by >both heterosexual and homosexuals. I am told that it is rarely practiced >by gay men today because of the dangers involved.

You were told wrong from what I see in the men's restrooms here on campus.

>Mike Waters rcrw90@email.mot.com AA4MW@KC7Y.PHX.AZ.US.NA

Jeff NH6IL

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Date: 28 Oct 1993 17:47:42 GMT  
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To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CFH56o.D2C@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <93299.125327JMEAKER@UCF1VM.BITNET>, <1993Oct27.182415.11928@TorreyPinesCA.ncr.com>du  
Subject : Re: DON'T End It All Now, Please ...

Often the tests include at least one answer so far out in leftxfield that it isn't funny.

For example when I took element 1A this summer, one of the questions asked about what frequency the sending station asked the receiving station to QSY to.

THe four answers included:

- A) A freq on 40 meters
- B) A freq on 20 meters

- C) A freq outside of the amateur service (~20000 kHz)
- D) New York

Even with minimul copy, it was obvious the answer was the 20 meter frequency because it had 5 characters.

Pretty sad.  
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